(d) if so, the figures and the other details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) to (b) The Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the benefit of children withdrawn from work namely the Scheme of National Child Labour Projects (NCLPs) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. The major activity under the NCLP is the running of special schools/centres, largely through Non-Government Organisations, for rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work through non-formal education, vocational training, nutrition, health care, stipends etc. Under the Scheme of Grants-in-aid, Non-Government Organisations are assisted directly for taking up projects for the rehabilitation of child labour.

(c) to (d) Authentic information of child labour in the country is generated by the decennial census. According to the 1991 census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. The figures of the 2001 census have not been published.

Establishment of ITIs in North-Eastern States

271. DR. ALLADI P. RAJ KUMAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work on Centrally Sponsored Scheme for North Eastern Region for establishment of Industrial Training Institutes in North-eastern States and Sikkim has started;

(b) if so, the number of ITIs set up in each of the States; and

(c) the number of apprentices to be trained in each States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two new ITIs in Arunachal Pradesh, 4 new ITIs in Assam, 5 new ITIs in Manipur, 1 new ITI in Meghalaya, 2 new ITIs in Mizoram, 4 new ITIs in Nagaland and 4 new ITIs in Tripura will be set up under the approved scheme.

(c) Training of apprentices is not covered under the scheme.